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CHICAGO COIN CLUB CHATTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR ALL!

The 372nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club will be held Tuesday, January 3, at 9 East Randolph Street, 7th floor, 7:30 P.M.

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Welcome new members -- William Hoppe and Harold O'Connell, Jr.

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There being no further nominations for officers for the year of 1950 than those submitted by your nominating committee, the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot.

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Please help make our new Secretary's job easier by sending your check for 1950 dues promptly.

1949 ATTENDANCE

A special record of attendance of 155 members in the Chicago area during the past year showed some interesting facts. 11 had perfect attendance at the 12 regular meetings and 9 missed but one meeting. From the balance 13 attended 10, 7-9, 7-8, 6-7, 4-6, 8-5, 2-4, 8-3, 14-2 and 20-1. 46 did not attend a single meeting. A little arithmetic shows that the first 3 groups, 33 members, accounted for over half of the total attendance, excluding visitors. Looks like a minority is getting a majority of the good of the Club.

Any constructive criticism on how to get more people to come more times will be gratefully received.

PERSONALS

Illness prevented Mrs. Merkel from attending Ladies' Night. We trust she has now fully recovered.

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Those who volunteered to exhibit at the Hobby Show Exposition, Navy Pier, February 10 to 19, please be prepared to advise Earl Salisburg at the January 3 meeting of what your exhibit will consist.

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Earl Brown, outgoing Secretary, wishes to say that he has enjoyed serving you for the past three years and extends his thanks to all who have helped. Earl has established a record which will be difficult for his successors to surpass.

Ladies' Night! That evening we all looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation was again an event to be remembered. The guessing game was novel and the refreshments were delicious. Thanks girls.

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Annual Banquet pictures of the entire group and several of individual tables are available. Those ordered will be delivered January 3. A few extra copies will be available at $1.00 each. See Glenn Smedley.

IN RETROSPECT - - The year just past has seen many advancements in the field of Numismatics, new books, new issues of coins and continued improvement in housing and displaying of coins. That you of the Chicago Coin Club have played your part is especially gratifying to your officers. To help our hobby is to help ourselves. Let's keep up the good work!

C. R. Ostrander

President

CHICAGO COIN CLUB CHATTER

THREE WAYS TO BE A GOOD CCC MEMBER

1 - Attend meeting whenever you possibly can.
2 - Pay your dues promptly.
3 - Take part in activities and meetings.

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Cliff Lindall advises quality of material for regular auctions is improving. Look over the enclosed sheet for coins you need.

Don't forget to ring the date of April 14 on your calendar! The Club needs your support. Details will be mailed you direct later.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Bess Case is now home after spending some time in Southern Illinois due to her Mother's illness.

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J. Henri Ripstra, who entertained the February meeting so royally with a talk on Abe Lincoln, also celebrated his own birthday in February, sometime between Lincoln's and Washington's.

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HONORABLE MENTION
to
EARL SALISBURY
for the excellent job done at the World Hobby & Outdoor Show at the Navy Pier. The many hours spent by Earl in connection with this exhibit is sincerely appreciated by the Club.

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The 374th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club will be held Tuesday, March 7 at 84 East Randolph Street, 7th floor, 7:30 P.M.

AUCTION THIS MONTH!

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Welcome new members elected in February : Mrs. Bess Case, Robert Golden, Fred Nickel, and Mrs. Lucille Stillman.

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Remember your committee appointment and work at it.

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77 members and guests were in attendance at the February meeting.

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Only 32 members have not paid their 1950 dues. Secretary Smedley is keeping his fingers crossed hoping for 100% before the end of March.

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Talks on coins by several Club members during the past month to civic and church groups were well received and created considerable interest. Offer your services; you will find it a very pleasant pastime.

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To prepare you in advance, we will meet after May in the La Salle Hotel, Lincoln Room, the 2nd week (now 1st) and on Wednesday night (now Tuesday).

NATIONAL COIN WEEK

April is not so far away and your plans should be made at once to arrange for a display in your own neighborhood. There will be no general chairman this year; each member will handle his own. Get busy! Mr. Bradfield has agreed to handle the publicity.

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The 375th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club will be held Tuesday, April 4, at 64 East Randolph Street, 7th floor, 7:30 P.M.

Special attraction this meeting! The real inside of the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago. (Slides) If you have never seen a million dollars in cash in one pile or a machine that will count bills one at a time but rejects two if they are stuck together, don't miss this!

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Welcome to our new members: Stanley Gillespie, Lenox R. Lohr, D. L. McCandlish, Marvin Medlund and Bill Robson.

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APRIL WILL BE CRAMMED WITH COIN ACTIVITIES: Regular monthly meeting on the 4th; Special Auction on the 14th; National Coin Week April 14 to 21; Racine banquet April 22, St. John's School, Green and Yount Streets, and only $2.00 - always a success - afternoon and evening. You cannot afford to miss any of these events. Circle the dates on your calendar now!

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Don't forget your exhibit during National Coin Week. Advise Elston Bredfield at the Tribune as soon as you have made arrangements. Elston is working on some TV shows to publicize our activities.

You can help in the publicity by having your local area paper print an article during Coin Week. If you need material for an article contact Mr. Smedley and he will assist you.

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PERSONALS

Sorry to learn Earl Brown has been under doctor's care, but working every day. Wouldn't you know it!.

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Glad to hear from Past Pres. Ed Lamb that he hopes to get back to monthly meetings soon.

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Mac from South Milwaukee says he will come to meetings when the weather gets better. Aren't you slipping, Mac? You used to brave zero weather without an overcoat.

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Veep Curtis is working hard on "Central States" meeting in Springfield in May. Plan to attend.

Did you read the article "A Letter to a Beginner" by Roger Wells in Seaby's Bulletin for March? Real down to earth advice and entertainingly written.

75 members and guests attended March meeting. Doesn't seem very large for a club with 209 members. How about it, folks? These meetings should be a must.

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Secretary Smedley advises he has whittled down the unpaid dues to an even dozen. To those unpaid, remember you are subject to suspension if unpaid after March 1.

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No South Side Course in April conflicts with big auction sale April 14. Plan on attending again in May.

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Your list for the Special Auction will be mailed so that you will have time to study it and decide which items you wish to bid on. We are assured there will be real bargains.

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The 376th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club will be held Tuesday, May 2, at 84 East Randolph Street, 7th floor, 7:30 PM. (Must remember to change this next time to second Wednesday at LaSalle Hotel -Ed.)

Attendance last meeting about as usual - 63 members and 13 guests. But this number is sure to increase when we get back to the LaSalle and its more suitable meeting rooms.

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Welcome to our new members accepted at last meeting: (1 Mr. & 3 Mrs.) Roy Hartless, Jr., Mrs. Fern Hartless, Mrs. Jean Bradfield and Mrs. Florence Snedley.

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PERSONALS

Pres. Ostrander on vacation during April, but got around to help with the Hudson Ave. exhibit. This issue of "Chatter" is not his work, so don't blame him for what you read or don't read.

"Veep" Curtis did a nice job as Proxy at our April meeting. As you'd expect, he gave a nice welcome to the new lady members.

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It is with much regret that we mention that Thomas F. Robinson, a member of our Club for many years, passed away suddenly in Hot Springs recently.

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Jim Doak is back home from a jaunt of several months in the Southwest.

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The A.N.A.'s four sets of coin slides have gone or are scheduled this year to Clubs in 21 cities in 16 States. No request yet from the CSC. Do you want to see any of them?

Quite a few of the members went to Racine for the Annual Banquet, April 22, and many are going to Springfield May 5, 6 & 7 for the Central States Annual Convention.

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6 Resident and 3 Non-resident members haven't paid their 1950 dues. We will list names next month and then take action to suspend them if not paid by July 1.

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The special auction netted the Club some $21.00. Attendance a little disappointing, considering nice weather and offering of choice coins. 22 buyers bought $395 worth of good buys. One new member paid over a third of the total - and you got some bargains, Harold H.

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Will we have a real auction of contributed material at the June (1st LaSalle) meeting? It's up to you - get your lot to the Auction Committee at or before the May 2 meeting.

NATIONAL COIN WEEK

HATS OFF to Leroy "K" and all who helped him make the North Side Civic exhibit at Hudson Ave. Police Station such a big success during National Coin Week.

Sec'y Snedley and Past Sec'y Brown teamed up on a display at Woodlawn Regional Library. Grimm and Salisbury did likewise at two Oak Park Libraries. There were other exhibits, but we don't know details at this writing.

Publicity Agent Bradfield really worked hard and got results. Not enough room here to reprint, but we've got yards of clippings and were on radio & television several times.

S P E C I A L N O T I C E

THIS MONTHLY LETTER IS BEING SENT EARLY

TO WARN THE MEMBERS THAT THE MEETING

NIGHT HAS BEEN CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY AND

THE SECOND WEEK OF THE MONTH. ALSO

REMEMBER IT IS AT THE LA SALLE HOTEL.

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A Request

This will be our first meeting at our old home after several years' absence. Let's all make a special effort to attend. Phone a member friend who has not been around for some time and ask him to come.

Exhibits

It has been suggested that we make this first night at the La Salle a huge success by every member bringing their favorite coin (one) and exhibit it. If you want to talk about it okay, if not okay.

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Your officers wish to thank all of those who participated in "National Coin Week" exhibits. Some of you spent considerable time and effort to make our participation a success. The talks by several members were well received and we have again informed the public that we have a hobby of which we can be proud.

Personals

Words fail to express our sorrow on hearing of the sudden passing away of Marie Boyer. She was a grand lady and a devoted member of our Club. We extend our sympathy to Alden, past president of our Club and the A.N.A.

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Was glad to see Gus Lind and Jim Doak at the May meeting after their extended travels.

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Tony Cusentino is still ill but improving and hopes to be back at meetings soon. Speedy recovery, Tony.

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Thanks, Ralph Osborne, for sending the report of your National Coin Week exhibit for inclusion in our CCC report. Sorry that it arrived several days after our report was sent in.

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The 377th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club will be held Wednesday, June 14, in the Lincoln Room of the La Salle Hotel.

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65 members and guests at the May meeting.

No new members elected at the May meeting - first month we have missed since August, 1949.

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28 members of the CCC attended the C.S.N.S. Convention at Springfield, Illinois. Other collectors from this area were also in attendance. It was a successful meeting. Proof that conventions are not "male" affairs, over a dozen of the "Mrs." of the male members were in attendance. All enjoyed themselves.

Did you know that the "experts" at Springfield could not tell what the "D" in "VBD" stood for? You will have a chance to answer this one at the June meeting. If you do not know you will have a chance to add to your numismatic knowledge.

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We don't want to lose any members, so who'll get the following members to pay their 1950 dues pronto: Elizabeth & Duane Kelley, Marvin Pederson, Arthur Stuart, John Vargias and Paul Weiger. That's all - just six.

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The auction list you are receiving with this notice is composed of contributed lots to be sold for the Club's benefit. Be generous in your bids so the take will warrant the effort of the committee.

Did you realize that the A.N.A. convention is next month (August) and will be held in Milwaukee? Literally your back door. Plan on spending at least the weekend, if not the entire time. 4th August 2:00 thru 20th.

The 378th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club will be held Wednesday, July 12, at the La Salle Hotel. Meeting starts 8:00 P.M.

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June attendance - 42 members and 9 guests. Not as many as were expected considering the new location and added attraction of auction, however. Was pleased to see some faces that had not been seen for some time. Let's make this a banner year and have good attendance the balance of the season. We have a good start.

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Welcome new members: Walter Kamenek and George Cooke.

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Will everyone please sign the register and be sure to turn in 1 card for your guests (any non-member including your wife if she is not a member.) Nine guests last month and only one guest card. Make your secretary's job as easy as you can. Remember, you may be the secretary some of these days.

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The Club treasury received a big assist of $94.00 from the Contributed Auction Sale held at the June meeting. Sincere thanks to the 30 contributors and especially to Arthur T. Peterson, a new member friend with the United States Forces in Austria, whose 10 lots brought $13.00.

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If you are interested in Canadian Coins, current issues are available from $1.00 to $2 by mailing money order to Royal Canadian Mint, Ottawa, Canada. The cost is $2.10 per set.

PERSONALS

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Brown & Bradley are undoubtedly the luckiest two numismatists we know. Their dime which were stolen during National Coin Week from the Woodlawn Library were returned to them exactly two months later at the trial of the robber. He was sentenced to 1 to 14 years for this and other robberies.

Did you see the article in July "Family Circle" Magazine about Nellie T. Ross and the operation of the Mints? Only 5¢ at Jewel Tea stores.

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Now that our new location affords us more space and time, there is no longer any excuse for the meager exhibits we have been having. Let us see your coins!

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HOW IS YOUR MONTHLY QUOTA? There was a coin shrank at the San Francisco Mint that has no mint mark. What coin was this - year and denomination?

A.N.A. CONVENTION

MILWAUKEE

AUGUST 25 - 29

NEW MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE ABOVE AND SEE IN PERSON THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACTION. IT WILL HELP YOU TO REALIZE THE EFFORTS AND AIMS OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

IT IS CONVENIENTLY CLOSE AND YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF AND THE ASSOCIATION TO ATTEND IF POSSIBLE.

The 379th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club will be held Wednesday, August 9, at the La Salle Hotel. Meeting starts at 8:00 PM.

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July attendance - 62 members and 5 guests. (Some away on vacations.) Incidentally, this was the same number of members present at the June meeting. Let's establish a new attendance record in August!

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Welcome to our new member, Miss Tillie Sicher.

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Displays are improving; keep it up. We seem to develop new exhibitors, but it is difficult to keep them constant.

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Be a good "citizen" of the A.N.A. Mark your ballot and send it to the Secretary promptly. If you are unable to attend in person sign your proxy and give it to someone you know.

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Nice invitation from the New York Numismatic Club, for any of us who can, to attend its 500th consecutive regular monthly dinner meeting on Friday, August 11, in New York City. If anyone will be there, let Secretary Swedley know so he can make reservations.

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We need several more exhibitors to take part in the Arlington Heights Methodist Church Antique & Hobby Show Sept. 12, 13 and 14. Volunteer at the August meeting if you can help.

PERSONALS

Cards from William Hoppe in July indicated he and Mrs. Hoppe were enjoying a Florida vacation.

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The "d" in British coinage stands for "pence", but where did they get the letter "d"? (Mr. Rayson disqualified from answering this one.)

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An invitation has been received from Michael Murray, a junior who participated in National Coin Week Exhibit at the North Side Civic Center, advising that he is having a display at his home August 14. Exhibits will consist of coins, dolls, books, pictures, etc. Admission is 25¢. Try to attend. The address is 1825 Orleans St.

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This space lacks "Personals". Won't some members help by sending in an item or two?

The collectors of Ancient Greek and Roman Coins are in the minority, however, few people fail to enjoy stories about them. Recently reread Jean Cammann's "Numismatic Mythology" and feel sure anyone willing to spend a little time with this book will be amply rewarded. It is easy and pleasant reading.

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To members desiring 1950 proof coins, they can now be secured at $2.10 per set by sending postal notes or money order (no checks) to United States Mint, 16th and Spring Garden Streets, Philadelphia 30, Penn.

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Reports on the prices obtained for coins from the Adolph Menjou collection indicates there is a ready market for choice coins.

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Most of this notice has to do with the Milwaukee Convention. If you were there don't bother to read it.

It was a grand and enjoyable convention -- some 425 collectors and friends enjoyed it and Milwaukee's bright spots, including its famous eating places.

We counted names of 70 CCC members on the convention register, and 19 non-member wives and children. Saw several members who seldom attend our monthly meetings. President Ostrander was unable to attend due to serious illness of his mother and father.

Nice to see Members Randall and Thetford from Florida, and Gettys, Kagin, Kosoff, Mehl and Reagan from points west.

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All officers of last year were re-elected except Vernon Brown, who declined nomination. Capt. Dodson was elected in his place on the Board. Congratulations to all.

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CCC Members Bolender, Blomquist, Jackson & Kopicki received silver 25-year A.N.A. medals. The Association's beautiful Medal of Merit was presented to several outstanding Numismatists at the banquet -- our hard-working Lee Hewitt being one of those so honored.

At least ten CCC members had exhibits, two getting blue ribbons and two others placing 2nd and 3rd in their classes.

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The ladies really enjoyed the nice room set aside for them to read, rest, play cards and generally escape from their collector males.

PERSONALS

The O'Connells cut short a Canadian vacation so that Harold Jr. could attend. (We hear that Harold Sr. got quite enthusiastic, too.)

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Oldtimers Ripstra & Eversole were right on the job day and night, and Mr. Ripstra was overheard to say he had the best time of his life.

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Saw McDermott several times - even on the convention floor now and then (standing up, that is.)

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Mr. & Mrs. Chris Petersen of Chehalis, Washington, visited the Earl Browns several days after the convention ended.

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CHICAGO COIN CLUB CHATTER

The 380th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club will be held Wednesday, September 13, at the La Salle Hotel. Meeting starts at 8:00 P.M.

An auction had been planned for this meeting, and material was available, but "circumstances beyond our control" caused it to be postponed until October.

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Attendance at the August 9 meeting was 51 members and 9 guests. Now that most of us have had our vacations, let's ALL come to the meetings.

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Congratulations to Messrs. Culver, Garber, Hinkley, Mrs. Polzer (ladies' activities) and other members of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society for an excellent job of being host to the A.N.A.

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Don't forget the Arlington Heights Methodist Church Antique & Hobby Show, September 12 & 14. (Come to the CCC meeting the 13th.)

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Members Bolender, Curtis, Powills and Smedley appeared on the Educational Program Sunday evening.

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Through error, last month's question was not asked. Be prepared to answer it this month.

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The news of this letter was compiled through the kindness of Messrs. Smedley and Brown. Thanks, fellows.

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DO YOU BELONG?

Are you an active member,
  The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
  That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
  And mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home
  And criticize and knock?

Do you ever go to visit
  A member who is sick?
Or leave the work to just a few
  And talk about a "clique"?

Think it over Brother,
  You know right from wrong;
Are you an active member--
  Or do you "just belong"?

--Anonymous

(Reprinted from The Hinge and Tongs, Kankakee, Illinois)

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A year ago we listed in this space 13 sub-chairmen of the committee on "History of Numismatics in Illinois". To each was assigned a category. The information developed by them was to be printed in our annual year books. Lee Hewitt, chairman, is asking for material for this year's issue. Has anyone their information compiled? Please contact Lee if you have. He will be at the October meeting.

This is a worthwhile addition to our year book and all members should cooperate. Let's make this the best issue we have had.

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Don't forget that we have plenty of space and many cases for exhibits. Let the members see your specialty.

CHICAGO COIN CLUB CHATTER

The 381st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club will be held Wednesday, October 11, 1950, at the La Salle Hotel. Meeting starts at 8:00 P.M.

We will have a 75 lot auction. List attached.

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Come to this meeting and learn about plans for our Annual Banquet. Would you like it to be an ALL DAY affair with exhibits, auction, banquet and entertainment?

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Attendance at the September meeting was 59 members and 4 guests. Now that vacations are over and the weather cooler, we look forward to larger attendance.

PERSONALS

Our sincere sympathy to Joe Unseitig, whose wife passed away September 25.

Charlie Green's ankle, injured at the Milwaukee Convention, is improving.

The Sheldons attended the Iowa State Convention which was both Numismatic and Philatelic. Marcella, who collects stamps, enjoyed all the exhibits.

Our condolences to Cliff Lindall on the loss of his father during September.

Earl F. Barger has a nice numismatic exhibit in a Northern Trust window on Madison Street. Don't fail to see it.

Mrs. Merkel has gone back to school — as a teacher, of course.

Many collectors in this area will regret to learn of the death of Father Weiler of Racine.

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Welcome to new member Frank S. Smith who was elected to membership at the September meeting.

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Ladies night soon! Be prepared for a good time.

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- Question of the Month - What does the cap-on-pole signify on our early cents and half-cents?

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Congratulations to Elston Bradfield on being elected Commander of Medill Post of the American Legion.

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Thanks again to Earl and Glenn for the big assist this month. Thanks, also, to Lee H. How about more you?

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CHICAGO COIN CLUB CHATTER

The 382nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club will be held Wednesday, November 8, 1950, at the La Salle Hotel. Meeting starts at 8:00 P.M.

This will be LADIES' NIGHT! Exhibits to be by ladies only.

After the business meeting the ladies will serve refreshments, and they say they will have some "surprises". Let's have a good attendance — and more ladies.

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Attendance at our October meeting was 59 members and 9 guests. We should do better than that!

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CANADIAN COINS

Anyone interested? The scarce ones are:

Cents: 1858, 1890-H, 1898-H, 1900, 1907-H, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925 & 1936 Dot.

5 Cents: 1874, 1883-H, 1887, 1894, 1902 Sm.H, 1915, 1925, 1921. (The 1921 is rare.)

10 Cents: 1874-H, 1885, 1894 & 1915.

25 Cents: 1887, 1889, 1893 & 1915.

50 Cents: 1871, 1872-H, 1881-H, 1898, 1904, 1905, & 1921 (Rare).

The 1936 Cent with dot between the 9 and 3 is Rare. The 1936 10-cents & 25-cents are scarce.
(See August 1947 Numismatist)

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The Hawthorne Club Annual Exhibit at the Western Electric Gym will be held Nov. 9 & 10, from 1 P.M. to 10 P.M. Visitors welcome.

PERSONALS

The Sheldons attended the Annual Banquet of the Detroit Coin Club.

The Bebees, on vacation, attended the Oklahoma-Kansas Convention and they report a wonderful convention. (We guessed it would be.)

The Frank Smiths also attended the Oklahoma-Kansas Convention at Tulsa.

Tillie Sicher is now Mrs. Harry K Boosel. YEP! It happened October 22, 1950. Congratulations, Tillie and Harry.

Messrs. Lindall and Smedley attended the October meeting of the Calumet Numismatic Society - when they finally found the meeting place.

Harold Klein brought back greetings from the O-K Convention from Ralph Osborne, former resident of Chicago.

-Monthly Question-
What queen pictured on a well known coin was the daughter of an Emperor, wife of an Emperor, mother of 2 Emperors and 2 Queens?

A nominating committee will be elected at our November meeting. This committee will submit nominations for officers and directors for the year 1951. Please come to the meeting prepared to nominate those you feel will choose wisely.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Our Annual Banquet will be held Saturday, February 24, 1951. It will be an ALL DAY affair and we will have the Press Gallery and the Lincoln Room. We will plan for exhibits, auction, banquet, entertainment and prizes — maybe a bourse for good measure.

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1951 Membership Cards will be available at the November meeting. Avoid the rush!

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You are invited to the South Side Bourse Meeting Friday, November 10, Colonial Restaurant, 6324 So. Woodlawn.